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Applicant :	Vishnu K. Agarwal		
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Art Unit :	2815	Customer No. :	27,076
Examiner :	Jose R. Diaz		
Title :	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated June 28, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.